

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
WESTERN DIVISION
No. 5:19-cv-427-BO

NOKIA TECHNOLOGIES OY,)
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Plaintiff,)
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v.)
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LENOVO (SHANGHAI) ELECTRONICS)
TECHNOLOGY CO. LTD., LENOVO)
GROUP, LTD., LENOVO BEIJING,)
LTD., LENOVO PC HK LIMITED, and)
LENOVO (UNITED STATES), INC.)
)
Defendants.)

ORDER

This cause is before the Court on Nokia's motion to appoint an international process server [DE 21] and the parties' respective motions for a claim reduction schedule [DE 25, 27].

DISCUSSION

Nokia filed this patent infringement action in September 2019, alleging that the named Lenovo entities infringe ten of its patents. With the exception of Lenovo (United States), Inc., the defendants are Chinese companies based in China with no registered agents for service of process in the United States. Plaintiff has requested that these defendants waive service, but they have refused. Plaintiff therefore moves for the Court to appoint an international process server. This motion is granted.

Nokia alleges infringement of ten different patents that collectively contain 472 patent claims. The parties agree that it is necessary to narrow the number of asserted claims and prior art references as this case progresses but currently disagree about the timing and scope of that narrowing. Both Nokia and Lenovo move for the Court to adopt its respective proposed schedule.

The Court denies both motions and encourages the parties to confer and agree to a schedule. However, by the completion of claim construction discovery, Nokia shall reduce to not more than thirty-two claims across the ten patents. Fourteen days after this claim reduction, Lenovo shall reduce to not more than forty prior art references.

CONCLUSION

Nokia's motion for an international process server [DE 21] is GRANTED. The Court will issue a separate order designating Celeste Ingalls of Crowe Foreign Services as process server. The parties' claim reduction motions [DE 25, 27] are DENIED. The motion for a hearing [DE 40] is DENIED.

SO ORDERED, this 23 day of April, 2020.


TERRENCE W. BOYLE
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE